

Highlights from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee Meeting  
March 23, 2011, 7:31 a.m.  
1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103

Executive Committee Members present: Jeff Serocke, Donny Carroll, Ray Creely, Ed Hamilton, Lydia Padilla, Darryl Chatman, Michael Walter, Besty Finnegan

Technical Advisor: Kelley Bernardi

WIB Director and LEO Designee: Michael Holmes

WIB staff; Sherry Vogel, Fiscal Manager; Kim Neske

Executive Committee Members not present : Len Toenjes, Herman Noah

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Introductions and welcomes were extended. Mike Walter was welcomed as a newly appointed Executive Committee member. Motion was made by Ed Hamilton; seconded by Kelley Bernardi to appoint Betsy Finnegan to the Executive Committee; unanimously passed.

Mr. Holmes reported to the Executive Committee, two new Board members have been appointed to the WIB Board by Mayor Francis G. Slay: David L. Walker, Jr., Brown Shoe Company and Michael (Mick) K. Williams, Unisys Corporation. SLATE is working with Unisys Corporation as an IT contractor. The goal is to hire 300 IT employees; forty employees have hired so far.

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**H.R. 1 legislative updates.** The Board has been receiving information on this topic. The House has voted to eliminate all workforces programs; about 3,000 organizations in the country would be impacted. We have been working on getting information to Congress on who SLATE is and what we do. We have sent letters and have asked all the WIB Board members to send letters to Senator McCaskill and Senator Blunt explaining how the H.R.1 Bill will affect workforce. All the region WIB chairs have sent a combined letter to congress and senators. The WIB Board members are encouraged to pen a letter or go on the WEB site to congress to convey our message.

On March 24<sup>th</sup> we are having a "Workforce Day of Action" around the country. It will be held at Delmar from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. Representatives from Senators' Blunt, McCaskill and Congressman Carnahan's offices will be available for questions. They will receive a packet of information to explain what SLATE has done including the Annual reports from the State and SLATE and how this will impact SLATE and the entire State if the H.R.1 Bill is approved. All forty-two Missouri Career Centers in the State will close. The entire State is looking at a \$4 million cut in WIA funding. We have been operating under a second CR (Continuing Resolution). Last year we operated the entire year under a CR. There has not been a federal budget in two years.

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501 (c) 3 update from Darryl Chatman. Mr. Chatman has done some research on getting our 501 (c) 3 registered with the IRS. Steps we need to take:

- We need an employer Identification Number (one day process over the phone or mail in)
- We also need to file form 1023 which has to be done within 27 months of us being organized on file
- The fee if we plan on getting more than \$10,000 in receipts per year will be \$850. If less the fee will be approximately \$400. Along with this form we have to come up with a projected budget
- Need to check on fund raising opportunities within compounds of the status that exist. We might need to work with RCGA and have them apply on our behalf.
- We can start applying for some State grants now.

Ray Creely will do research on the fund raising rules at State level. A discussion on fund raisers took place.

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NGCC (Next Generation Career Center) Regional Support Team Report. The report stated we were okay in terms of their evaluation. We are on target and the team liked some of things we are doing. On March 29, 2011, we are

having training for our business services group on how to sell the career center. A national speaker will conduct the training, Mike Fazio.

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Twenty four states have lost population and money because of the census stats. This will not impact until July 1, 2011 budget. Florida had the largest increase of 30% population. The State is looking at a 10% cut across the board.

Graduate St. Louis update. On March 24<sup>th</sup> for the first time we will be meeting with the Talent Council for RCGA. This is huge for SLATE to get that audience. Doug Koch, Brown Shoe will host a breakfast at the St. Louis Club, 7:30 am for all the chancellors of the community colleges. Mr. Holmes will be there representing SLATE and the WIB. The topic will be the Graduate St. Louis project and how we want to work more in tune with and be a part of the Talent Council committee. There are 445,000 individuals in the St. Louis metropolitan area that have some college but have not graduated. Companies that are looking to relocate or expand their businesses in St. Louis are checking the graduation rate and the St. Louis area does compare well. The Lumina Foundation says we need better data to work with them. Ray Creely will do some research for the Executive Committee on what data is available.

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Kim Neske, Fiscal Manager handed out the Workforce Investment Act Monthly Expenditure Report for the end of February 2011. The Executive Committee held a discussion. Kim will e-mail this report to the Executive Committee on a monthly basis. It was suggested that items considered high-risk be highlighted at the top of the report. With each contract there are three years to spend the money. The roll-over funds are spent first before using the new budget. RFP's will be done again next year but until we know what is going on with the funds nothing will be added. We will probably under spend until we know where and how the budget is going.

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All the sub-committees have had meetings. We will formalize schedules for these committee meetings and have them listed on the WEB site. Youth Council will have a meeting on April 4, 2011. The job training committee is going to meet with all of the regions to be together on what we are paying for in training. We want to work more with the free training available through the community based organizations.

It was decided by the Executive to change the date of the next full Board meeting to April 27, 2011, 4811 Delmar, 7:30am from April 20, 2011. This information is always updated on the WEB site. The June 15, 2011 full Board meeting the State will talk about MoPerforms. July 1, 2011 we can pull the data the Board wants. The numbers are looking favorable. There will a MOU (memorandum of understanding) meeting next week with the county.

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- Frank Alaniz is being reassigned from the State to SLATE to help with regional initiatives.
- We are in compliance with the State since two new members are coming on board.

Ed Hamilton made a motion to adjourn; Ray Creely seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am. Next WIB Meeting is April 27, 2011 at the SLATE Missouri Career Center – Central West End, at 7:30 am.